

TO: USPTO

PATENT Expedited Procedure After Final Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY

The information in this transmission is confidential and may be privileged and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. Dissemination, reproduction or any other use of this information by any person or entity other than the named recipient is strictly prohibited and is a violation of law. If the information in this transmission is erroneously transmitted to or received by any person or entity other than the named recipient, please contact the undersigned immediately by collect telephone call to arrange for return of the information at no cost to you.

Certificate of Facsimile Under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to 703-872-9306 on 13 JUNE 2005 addressed to: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR-RATENTS, ALEXANDERIA, VA 22313.

Roland K. Bowler II

Applicant:	KOTZIN)	•
Appl. No.	09/909,206)	Examiner W. Daniel
Confirm. No.	9769)	Art Unit 2686
Filed:	20 July 2001)	Atty. Docket No. CS10423

Title:

"Methods for Mobile Communication Services Selection"

TRANSMITTAL FOR RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR 41.37(c)

RECEIVED OIPE/IAP

JUN 1 4 2005

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner W. Daniel Art Unit 2686

Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

pages);

The following is enclosed in response to the Notification of non-compliance Appeal Brief mailed of 3 June 2005:

[X] Revised Appeal Brief under 37 CFR 41.37(c) (21

[X] Fee Calculation Sheet (NO FEE DUE).

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND K. BOWLER II

13 JUNE 2005

MOTOROLA, INC.
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPT. (RKB)
600 NORTH U.S. HIGHWAY 45, AN475
LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS 60048

REG. No. 33,477

TELEPHONE NO. (847) 523-3978 FACSIMILE NO. (847) 523-2350

								Com	nlata il	Y n 211 m			
FEE							Application Number 09/909,206						
TRANSMITTAL						<u> </u>							
Patent leas are subject to annual revision						Filing Date			20 July 2001				
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						First Named Inventor			KOTZIN				
Applicant claims shall entity states. See 37 CFR 1.27					Exam	Examiner Name			W. Daniel				
<u> </u>					a\			Group	Art Un	it		2686	
			L AMOUNT OF		\$) 0.0			Attorn	Attorney Docket No.			CS10423	
	MI	ETHOD O	FPAYMEN	IT (check a	ll that ap	pty)				FE	E ÇA	LCULATION (continued)	
Check	Credit ca	rd	Money Order		Other	None		4. AD	DITIONA	L FEES	_		
X Doposia	Account:								Large Entity		Small Entity		
i —	Deposit Acco	unt Number	Г	50	2117	-		Fee	Fee	Fos	Fee		
	Deposit Apo	count Name	<u> </u>		ROLAIN	IC.		Code	(5)	Code	(\$)	Fee Description	
The Direct	tor is suthortz	ed to: (<i>che</i> c	<u></u> א all that apply	<u>, </u>				1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - tota filling log or gath	
X Cha	rge fee(s) indic	cated below		X] Credit a	iny overpaymo	nts	1052	50	5025	25	Surchargo - late Provisional filing	
X Cha	rma onu odelia	mut landal an		4- al la -la\			_	1053	120	1063	130	Non-English specification	
						R 1.16 and 1.1	,	1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for ex parte Reexamination	
	hargo toos(s) tr ove-identified o			the filing fee	to the			1804	920*	1804	920	Pequesting publication of STR prior to Examiner action	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							1506	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		F.	EE CALC	ULATIO	V			1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	
 _								1252	450	2252	<i>2</i> 25	Editation for roply within second rightly	
								1253	1020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1. BASIC FILIN							-	1254	1590	2254	795	Extension for roply within locally month	
		NG FEES		VACH FEES	EXAMIN	NATION FEES	J	1255	2160	2255	1080	Exponsion for repty within 60th month	
Application Type	Laige	Small Entity	Lisingo Con (#)	Small Entity	Large	Smell Entit	1	1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
Utility	Fee (\$)	150	Foo (\$) 500	Fee(\$)	F66(\$)	Foc(\$)	Fee Paid	**	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an oppual	
Design	200	100	100	250 50	200 130	100 65	-	1403	1000	2403	500	Request for oral heading	
Plant	200		300		1			1451	1510	1451	1510	Pélition lu institute a public use proceeding	
Reissuo	300	100 150	500	150 250	160 600	80 300	<u> </u>	1452	500	2452	250	Position to revive – unavoidable	
Provisional	200	100	1 300	0	~~	0	-	1501	1500 1400	2453 2501	750 700	Petition to revive – unintentional	
] -	•	ľ	Ū	-	1502	800	2502	400	Utility issue fee (or reissue) Design issue fee	
								1503	1100	2503	550	Plant insue fee	
								1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
2. EXTRA CLAI	M EEEE					Focs (5)	Email Ensa	1807	50	1807	50	Processing les under 37 (FR 1 17(q)	
							Feg (S)	1806	180	1806	180	Submission of IDS	
Each claim over 20 o Each independent clair						50 200	25 100	8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (limes number of property)	
Multiple Dependent Claims 380 180					1809	790	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))				
Fotal Claims - 20 or 1	EstaCi KP ⇒	tains X	50 ·	Fre Paid (\$)]	Majalagalan Dagi I (S)	Fun Pact (\$	1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invantors to be	
HP = highest number of	of total claims paid	for, if greater th	ian 3		38	0						ercamened (37 CFR § 1 129(b))	
Indep, Claims		Extra Claims		Fee (5)		Fee Part (\$)		1801	790	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination	<u></u>
.30	rHP = _			200				1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
3. APPLICATION	N SIZE FEE							1					
If the specification and drawings encood 100 sheets of paper, the appaication size fee is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) For each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(0) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).									Fee Paid (\$)				
			e 35 U.S.C. 41(a Number of each		FR 1.16(5).								
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets		50 or traction the	reat			Pard (\$)	┩				•	
· 14		_{200 2}	(roune of	traun alodw is of s	~ ") ⊼	250 = _	·			S) (specil			
								Non-Eut	high Specifi	-aion, \$13	N 8:8 (NO	şmall ontiy discouni) Fee Paid (S)	
•												768720(3)	
SUBMITTED BY	7	RO1 /	AND K BOY	VLEP(II				+	-				
Name (Frint/Type)	1	1			$\overline{}$			Registra	tion Nn		22	1,477 Tolophone 84	7 600 0000
in the state of th	Ĭ) · /-	11			工			33	1,477 Tolophone 84 6-13-20a	 เ-อ๙๛ฦล่\ผ
Signaturo					×	8		Date				6-13-200	5



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	KOTZIN)	
Appl. No.	09/909,206)	Examiner W. Daniel
Confirm. No.	9769)	Art Unit 2686
Filed:	20 July 2001)	Atty. Docket No. CS10423
Title:	"Methods for Mob	ile Comm	unication Services Selection"

REVISED APPEAL BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Real Party In Interest

The real party in interest is Motorola Inc., by virtue of an assignment duly executed by the named inventor(s) and recorded in the Patent Office on 19 July 2001.

Related Appeals & Interferences

There are no related appeals or interferences.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Status of Claims

The appealed claims are Claims 1-13 and 15-20. Claim 14 has been canceled. A copy of the claims is appended in Appendix A.

Status of Amendments

An amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 was filed on 14 February 2005. An advisory action mailed on 10 March 2005 indicated that Applicant's after final amendment would not be entered, though the Examiner of record indicated later that a supplemental advisory action would be mailed confirming entry of the amendment.

Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

In one claimed embodiment, a mobile wireless communication device, page 2, lines 23-27, dynamically selects communication services from a plurality of service providers capable of providing communication services to the mobile wireless communication device by establishing communication objectives at the device for corresponding communications to be executed by the device, page 3, lines 12-16 and page 3, line 25 – page 5, line 3. The device selects one of the services for each communication to be executed by the device based on the corresponding established communication objectives, page 3, lines 17-24, and utilizes the selected communication service at least for the communication whose communication objective formed the basis upon which the communication service was selected, page 8, lines 11-14.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

In some embodiments, communication services are generally assessed relative to the communication objective. Assessment may occur by comparing service information received from the corresponding service providers at the device, for example, by determining which service optimally satisfies the specified characteristics of the communication to be executed. Page 6, lines 4-13 and page 7, lines 9-12. In one embodiment, a service is selected having service characteristics that most closely correlate with the weighted characteristics of the communication to be execute, page 7, lines 20-26. In one claimed embodiment, service information received from the service providers is stored at the device and updated, page 6, lines 16-18. In one claimed embodiment, a communication service is selected having service characteristics that most closely correlate with the weighted characteristics of the communication to be executed, page 7, lines 1-26. The claimed invention is most readily implemented in software on the device, page 4, lines 3-14 and page 5, lines 14-21. These and other aspects of the claimed subject matter is discussed more fully in the instant specification on page 2, line 18 through page 15, line 13 and is illustrated in FIGS. 1-5.

Grounds of Rejection for Review on Appeal

Claims 1-13 and 15-20 anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,516,192 (Spaur) under 35 USC 102(b).

Arguments

Summary of Examiner's Allegations

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Claims 1-13 and 15-20 stand finally rejected under 35 USC 102(b) for anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 6,516,192 (Spaur). Final Office Action, 3 November 2004, para. 3.

Discussion of Claim 1

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest a

... method in a mobile wireless communication device for dynamically selecting communication services from a plurality of service providers capable of providing communication services to the mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

establishing communication objectives at the device for corresponding communications to be executed by the device;

selecting one of the communication services for each communication to be executed by the device based on the corresponding established communication objectives;

utilizing the selected communication service at least for the communication whose communication objective formed the basis upon which the communication service was selected.

The communication system (10) of Spaur is not a "... mobile wireless communication device for dynamically selecting communication services from a plurality of service providers capable of providing communication services to the mobile wireless communication device" The communication system (10) of Spaur is a network infrastructure entity that sends data to a remote station. The Examiner's references to various passages of Spaur do not support the rejection. At col. 5: 40 – col. 6: 19, Spaur discusses the architecture of the communication system (10). At col. 6: 52-67, Spauer

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm, No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

discusses bi-direction communications between the system (10) and a remote station using a spread spectrum downlink and a cellular digital packet data (CDPD) uplink. At col. 13: 13 & 49-51, Spaur discusses the communication system (10) identifying the availability of channels based on the location of a mobile station. At col. 10: 41-61, Spaur discusses channel selection of the link selector (64) of the system (10). In Spauer, the communication system (10) selects the optimum network channel for a particular communication with a mobile device based on an analysis of application requirements or constraints that must be met by the network. Thus Spaur is about the network making decisions for the mobile device. Claim 1 is about the mobile device making decisions for the mobile device. Claim 1 is thus patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 2

Regarding Claim 2, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 1,

... assessing the plurality of communication services relative to the communication objective for each communication before selecting one of the communication services.

In Spaur, the communication system (10) selects the optimum network channel for a particular communication with a mobile device based on an analysis of application requirements or constraints that must be met by the network. Claim 2 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Discussion of Claim 3

Regarding Claim 3, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 1,

... assessing a plurality of communication services relative to the communication objective for each communication during a communication.

In Spaur, the communication system (10) selects the optimum network channel for a particular communication with a mobile device based on an analysis of application requirements or constraints that must be met by the network. Claim 3 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 4

Regarding Claim 4, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 1,

... receiving service information from the plurality of service providers at the device, assessing the communication services by comparing the service information received from the corresponding service providers at the device.

Spaur does not receive service information from the provider at the wireless unit. In Spaur, the channel selection decision is made by the link selector (64) at the communication system (10) (network) based on the application requirements and information in the communication link database (54), which

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

is also part of the communication system (10). Claim 4 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 5

Regarding Claim 5, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 4,

... querying the plurality of service providers for service information before receiving the service information.

There is no disclosure in Spaur that the communication system (10) or the mobile unit queries service providers for service information. Claim 5 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 6

Regarding Claim 6, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 4,

... storing service information received from the service providers at the device, updating service information at the device.

There is no disclosure in Spaur that the mobile unit stores and updates service information. Claim 6 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 7

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Regarding Claim 7, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 1,

> ... establishing a communication objective by specifying whether a communication to be executed by the device is a data communication or a voice communication.

Spaur merely obtains application bandwidth, security, packet loss, and litter requirements from the application requirements database (64). nevertheless, performs the analysis at the communication system (network), not at the mobile wireless communications device. Claim 7 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 8

Regarding Claim 8, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 1,

> ... establishing communication objectives by specifying at least one characteristic of a communication to be executed.

Spaur performs the channel analysis and selection at the network, not at the mobile wireless communications device. Claim 8 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 9

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Regarding Claim 9, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 8,

... assessing communication services by determining which communication service optimally satisfies the specified characteristics of the communication to be executed.

Spaur performs the channel analysis and selection at the network, not at the mobile wireless communications device. Claim 9 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 10

Regarding Claim 10, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 1,

... establishing communication objectives by weighting at least one characteristic for each communication to be executed.

Spaur performs the channel analysis and selection at the network, not at the mobile wireless communications device. Claim 10 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 11

Regarding Claim 11, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 10,

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

... assessing the communication services by comparing the weighted characteristics of each communication to be executed to corresponding service characteristics of each of the communication services.

Spaur performs the channel analysis and selection at the network, not at the mobile wireless communications device. Claim 11 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 12

Regarding Claim 12, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 11,

... selecting a communication service having service characteristics that most closely correlate with the weighted characteristics of the communication to be executed.

Spaur performs the channel analysis and selection at the network, not at the mobile wireless communications device. Claim 12 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 13

Regarding independent Claim 13, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest a

...method in a mobile wireless communication device for selecting communication services available to the mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

establishing a communication objective at the device by identifying a characteristic of a communication to be executed by the device;

assessing a plurality of communication services based on communication service information received from a plurality of at least two communication service providers, by comparing the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed with a corresponding service characteristic of each of the plurality of communication services;

selecting a communication service from the plurality of communication services having the service characteristic that correlates most closely with the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed by the device.

Spaur does not assess service information at the mobile unit. In Spaur, channel information is obtained from a communication link database (54) in the communication system (10) (network), and a link selector (64) subsequently selects the channel. In Spaur, both the link database and link selector are part of the network, not the mobile unit. Spaur, col. 5, line 32 - col. 6, line 51. Claim 13 is thus patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 15

Regarding Claim 15, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 13,

... selecting a communication service before executing the communication, and selecting a different communication service during the communication.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Spaur performs the channel analysis and selection at the network, not at the mobile wireless communications device. Claim 15 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

18475232350

Discussion of Claim 16

Regarding Claim 16, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 13,

> ... weighting the one or more identified characteristics of the communication to be executed,

> assessing the communication services by comparing the weighted characteristics of the communication to be executed to similarly weighted corresponding characteristics of each of the communication services.

Spaur performs any weighting at the network, not at the mobile unit. Claim 16 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 17

Regarding independent Claim 17, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest,

> ... mobile wireless communication device, comprising: means for identifying a characteristic of a communication to be executed by the device;

> means for assessing service information received from a communication service provider by comparing the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed with

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

corresponding service characteristics of each of a plurality of communication services;

means for selecting a communication service from the communication service provider having the service characteristic that correlates most closely with the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed by the device.

Spaur does not assess service information at the mobile unit. Spaur obtains channel information from the communication link database (54), and selects the channel with a link selector (64). In Spaur, both the link database and link selector are part of the network, not the mobile unit. Spaur, col. 5, line 32 - col. 6, line 51. Claim 17 is thus patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 18

Regarding Claim 18, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 17,

> ... means for receiving the service information from the communication service provider at the device.

Spaur does not receive service information at the mobile unit. In Spaur, channel selection occurs in the network. Claim 18 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Discussion of Claim 19

Regarding Claim 19, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 17,

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

... means for requesting service information from the communication service provider.

Spaur does not request service information from the mobile unit. Claim 19 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

18475232350

Discussion of Claim 20

Regarding Claim 20, Spaur fails to disclose or suggest, in combination with Claim 17,

... means for weighting the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed,

means for comparing the weighted characteristic of the communication to be executed to corresponding service characteristics of the service information.

Spaur does not perform any weighting at the mobile unit. Claim 20 is thus further patentably distinguished over Spaur.

Prayer for Relief

Kindly reverse and vacate the rejections of claims, in view of the discussion above, with instructions for the Examiner to allow said Claims to issue in a United States Patent without further delay and provide other relief warranted.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Respectfully submitted,

ROLAND K. BOWLER II

13 JUNE 2005

REG. No. 33,477

MOTOROLA INC. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPT. (RKB) 600 North U.S. Highway 45, AN475 LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS 60048

TELEPHONE No. (847) 523-3978 FACSIMILE NO. (847) 523-2350

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm, No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

Claims Appendix

1. (Previously Presented) A method in a mobile wireless communication device for dynamically selecting communication services from a plurality of service providers capable of providing communication services to the mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

establishing communication objectives at the device for corresponding communications to be executed by the device;

selecting one of the communication services for communication to be executed by the device based on the corresponding established communication objectives;

utilizing the selected communication service at least for the communication whose communication objective formed the basis upon which the communication service was selected.

- 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, assessing the plurality of communication services relative to the communication objective for each communication before selecting one of the communication services.
- 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, assessing a plurality of communication services relative to the communication objective for each communication during a communication.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

- 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, receiving service information from the plurality of service providers at the device, assessing the communication services by comparing the service information received from the corresponding service providers at the device.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, querying the plurality of service providers for service information before receiving the service information.
- 6. (Original) The method of Claim 4, storing service information received from the service providers at the device, updating service information at the device.
- 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, establishing a communication objective by specifying whether a communication to be executed by the device is a data communication or a voice communication.
- 8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, establishing communication objectives by specifying at least one characteristic of a communication to be executed.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

- 9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, assessing communication services by determining which communication service optimally satisfies the specified characteristics of the communication to be executed.
 - 10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, establishing communication objectives by weighting at least one characteristic for each communication to be executed.
 - 11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, assessing the communication services by comparing the weighted characteristics of each communication to be executed to corresponding service characteristics of each of the communication services.
- 12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, selecting a communication service having service characteristics that most closely correlate with the weighted characteristics of the communication to be executed.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A method in a mobile wireless communication device for selecting communication services available to the mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

establishing a communication objective at the device by identifying a characteristic of a communication to be executed by the device;

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

assessing a plurality of communication services based on communication service information, received from a plurality of at least two communication service providers, by comparing the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed with a corresponding service characteristic of each of the plurality of communication services;

selecting a communication service from the plurality of communication services having the service characteristic that correlates most closely with the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed by the device.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 13, selecting a communication service before executing the communication, and selecting a different communication service during the communication.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 13,

weighting the one or more identified characteristics of the communication to be executed,

assessing the communication services by comparing the weighted characteristics of the communication to be executed to similarly weighted corresponding characteristics of each of the communication services.

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

17. (Previously Presented) A mobile wireless communication device, comprising:

means for identifying a characteristic of a communication to be executed by the device;

means for assessing service information received from a communication service provider by comparing the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed with corresponding service characteristics of each of a plurality of communication services;

means for selecting a communication service from the communication service provider having the service characteristic that correlates most closely with the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed by the device.

- 18. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 17, means for receiving the service information from the communication service provider at the device.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 18, means for requesting service information from the communication service provider.
 - 20. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 17,

means for weighting the identified characteristic of the communication to be executed,

Appl. No. 09/909,206 Confirm. No. 9769 Examiner S. Balban Art Unit 2686

means for comparing the weighted characteristic of the communication to be executed to corresponding service characteristics of the service information.